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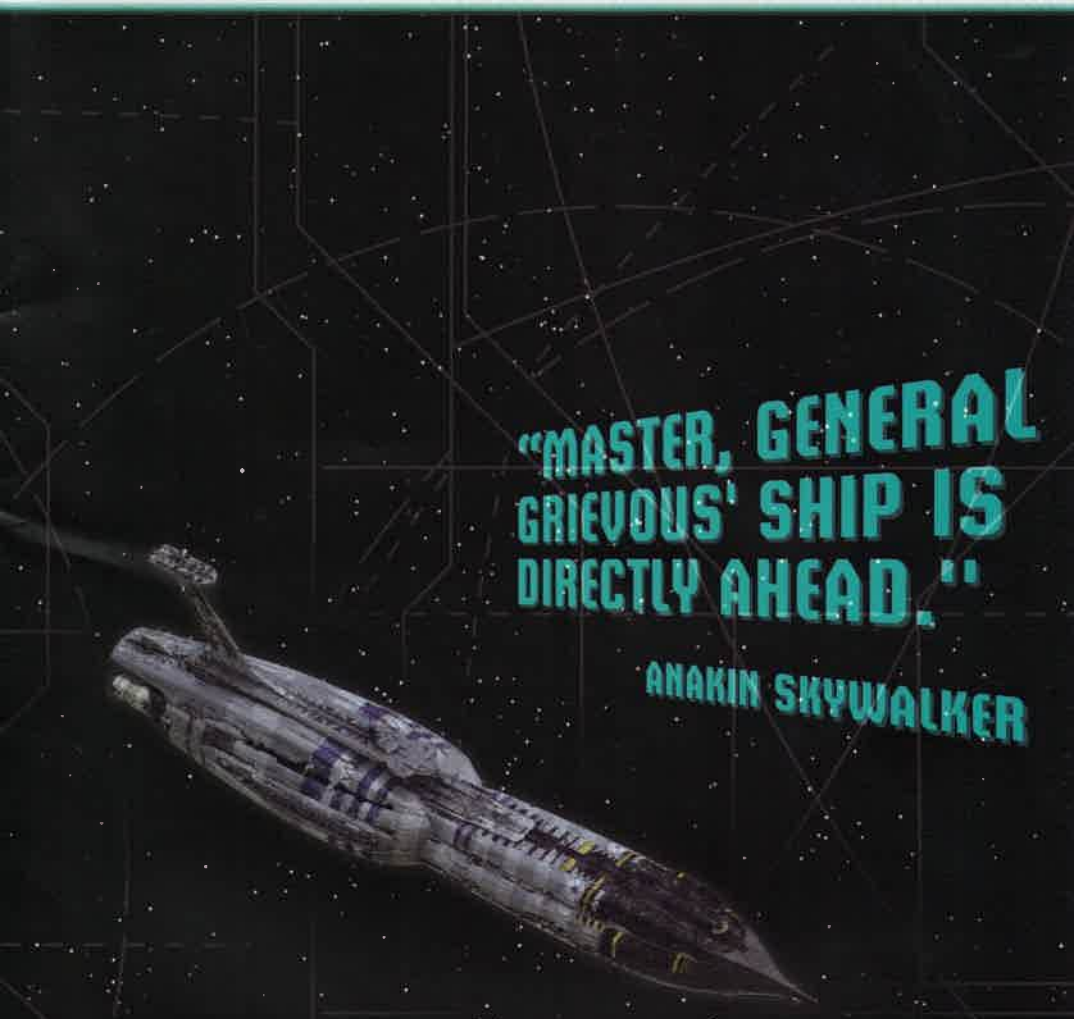


After the loss of his previous flagship, the *Malevolence*, to the cunning of Anakin Skywalker, Confederacy leader General Grievous was given command of the *Providence*-class carrier/destroyer *Invisible Hand* on the orders of Darth Sidious himself. The ship became justly feared throughout the galaxy, as it served both Grievous and Count Dooku during the Clone Wars.

THE *INVISIBLE HAND*

FLAGSHIP OF THE CONFEDERACY OF INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS

It is no small irony that the *Providence*-class capital ships were built at the Pammant Docks to conceal the construction of the massive *Subjugator*-class heavy cruiser. Grievous' first flagship, *Malevolence*, was one of the latter vessels, but it was aboard the smaller ship that he scored his greatest victories for the Separatists.

After the Republic drove the CIS forces from Mon Calamari (called Dac by the natives) many of the Separatist's allies fled the planet. This included the Free Dac Volunteers Engineering Corps, frequent collaborators with the Techno Union, who had shipyards on a number of worlds. Rivalling the famed Mon Calamari designers, the Free Dac Volunteers designed and built three capital class ships for the Separatists. The *Recusant*-class light destroyers were the more numerous, the *Subjugator*-class the most terrifyingly huge, but the *Providence*-class were perhaps the most successful.

At over 1000 metres in length, the rounded hull maintained the organic aesthetic that was a signature of Dac starship designers – both Quarren and Mon Calamari. The *Providence*-class was designed as weapon of invasion, being both a carrier designed for transporting an assault and occupation force, and a destroyer more than capable of dealing with opposing capital ships. Being built to suit the needs of the Trade Federation, it had many automated systems. The standard crew was just 600 droids, with additional organic sentient Trade Federation officers. However, when fully kitted out for invasion, the crew complement rose to more than 22,000, with the assault and occupation forces varying from around 48,000 support troops to upwards of 1.5 million deactivated battle droids stored aboard their landing craft. The *Providence*-class ships had a modular construction system, allowing easy modification. The *Invisible Hand* was originally the flagship of the Trade Federation leader Viceroy Nute Gunray. Already better armed and armoured than any other vessel in its class, it was further upgraded for use by General Grievous.

Grievous and Dooku

The needs of the cyborg general were not the only demands placed on the ship, as Count Dooku himself would make extensive use of *Invisible Hand*. The substantial communications pod mounted atop the main spar at the rear of the ship was Dooku's lair, and was used to broadcast anti-Republic propaganda right across the galaxy. Grievous' concerns were more with the ship's offensive systems. The *Invisible Hand* was bristling with weapons. While its 240-strong starfighter complement patrolled the area around it, the *Invisible Hand* was able to reduce the surface of the city-planet of Humbarine to molten slag in just a standard hour of orbital bombardment.

BATTLE OF CORUSCANT

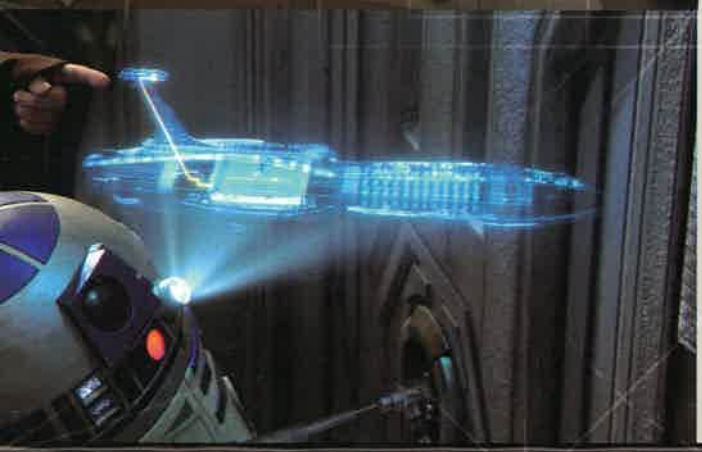
THE FALL OF THE *INVISIBLE HAND*

A subtle and devious player, Darth Sidious was not averse to sacrificing pawns in his long and deadly game against the Jedi for control of the galaxy. The Battle of Coruscant, in the final months of the Clone Wars, saw that tactic writ large.

Despite some high-profile losses against the Republic, General Grievous built such a reputation for himself and for the *Invisible Hand* that the cunning cyborg used two other *Providence*-class ships, the *Lucid Voice* and the *Colicoid Swarm*, as doppelgangers to intimidate opponents and confuse any tracking the *Invisible Hand*. Ultimately, however, the *Hand* itself would come to the Republic.

Flames Over Coruscant

Grievous and his flagship led a surprise assault on Coruscant. The seemingly desperate assault by the Separatist fleet was little more than a destructive distraction to draw attention away from Grievous' mission to kidnap Supreme Chancellor Palpatine on the orders of Darth Sidious – Palpatine's true self. Sidious was using his own kidnapping to draw out Anakin



Skywalker. The young Jedi and his former Master, Obi-Wan Kenobi, arrived at the battle and gained entry to the harried *Invisible Hand* in an effort to rescue Palpatine. Anakin's astromech, R2-D2, pulled up plans of the ship that allowed the Jedi to 'save' Palpatine. During the action, Count Dooku was executed by Anakin, bringing the young Jedi another step closer to replacing the Count as Palpatine's apprentice.

Hand on Coruscant

While General Grievous himself fled his flagship and the battle, Anakin, Obi-Wan and Palpatine were left aboard the stricken carrier. Crippled by fire from Republic ships, the *Invisible Hand* fell from the skies. Only Anakin's piloting skills saved the day, as he guided the burning wreckage down in a barely controlled crash landing. Darth Sidious had sacrificed both Count Dooku and the *Invisible Hand*, not to mention some of Grievous' fearsome reputation, but his scheming was to prove entirely successful.

Due to communications jamming, many Republic ships continued to fire on the *Invisible Hand*, unaware that Supreme Chancellor Palpatine was aboard.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR PALPATINE

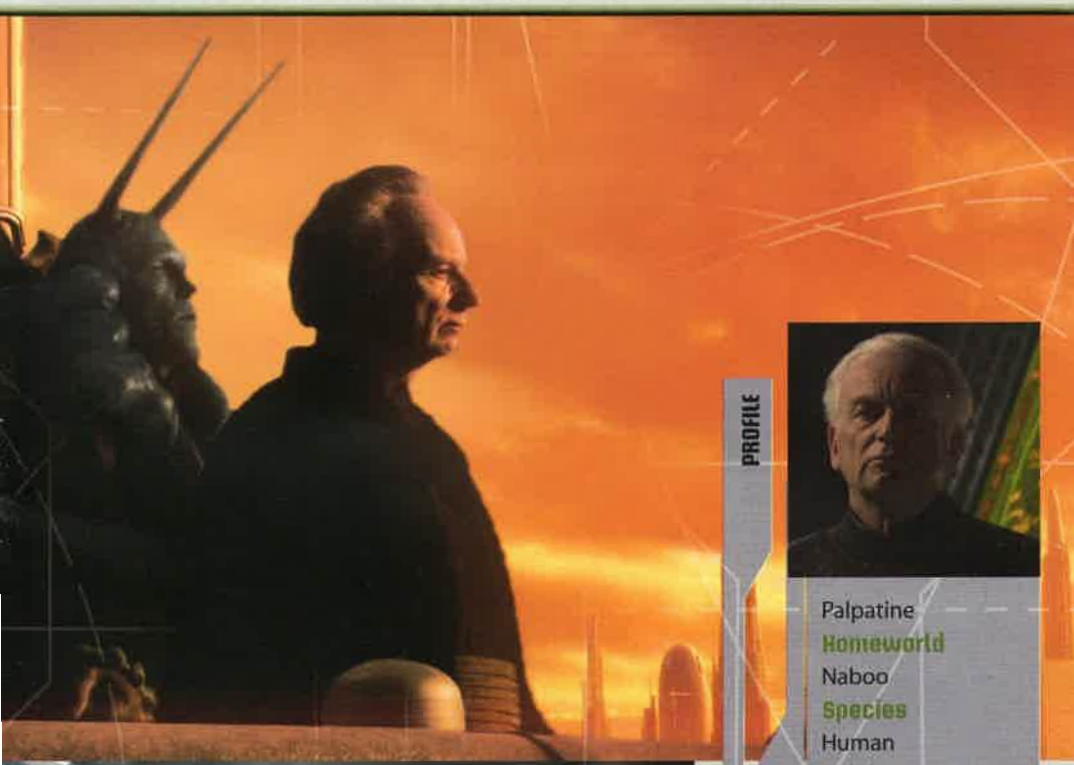
LEADING THE REPUBLIC TO WAR

Ever since the invasion of his home world of Naboo, and all through the growing Separatist Crisis, Chancellor Palpatine had struggled against seemingly impossible odds to battle often open aggression with diplomacy – words against weapons. One transmission from Geonosis by Obi-Wan Kenobi changed everything.

Obi-Wan Kenobi followed a trail that led from the attempts on the life of Senator Amidala on Coruscant to a cloning facility on Kamino and thence to the droid foundries of Geonosis. He had discovered that the Separatists were gathering behind Count Dooku to unite their droid armies ahead of open war against the Republic. It seemed to the Jedi, Senators and officials who watched Kenobi's warning transmission in the Chancellor's office that all of Palpatine's dreams lay in tatters.

The Reluctant Warlord

Palpatine himself opposed the militarisation of the Republic, but had reluctantly sought a vote on the creation of an Army of the Republic to resolve the issue in the face of the Separatist threat. A chaos of debate and indecision had ensued. What chance did democracy have when the very democratic processes that Palpatine stood for would prevent the Republic from rising to the immediate military challenge it now faced? In the end, the matter was resolved by the bold action of Senate Representative Binks of Naboo, who proposed emergency powers for Palpatine that would



PROFILE

Palpatine
Homeworld
Naboo
Species
Human
Height
1.73m
Affiliation
The Republic

allow the Supreme Chancellor to use the clone army waiting at Kamino to counter the Separatist droid armies on Geonosis. With near-tearful reluctance, Palpatine took up those powers, promising to lay them aside as soon as the crisis was resolved. The Jedi would lead the new Grand Army of the Republic. After the Battle of

Supreme Chancellor Palpatine was admired for always meeting danger with dignity. Even when kidnapped, he maintained his commanding composure – almost as though he were in control of events...

Geonosis, a deeply saddened Palpatine stood alongside his allies and watched the ranks of clones march onto their ships, heading out to set the stars ablaze. The Clone Wars had begun.

Over the coming years Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, himself now the greatest prize sought by the Separatists, was forced time and again to take actions and adopt powers in contradiction to his cherished views on democracy. The strain began to show, and poor, trapped Chancellor Palpatine seemed to age daily.

Dark Days

Palpatine enjoyed immense support during the Clone Wars. He had allies seemingly everywhere. Despite the troubled times, he continually restated his staunch belief in democracy and in the Republic, although this was perceived as naïve and even openly criticised in the face of the additional emergency powers that were continually forced upon him. Even before the outbreak of war in the galaxy, corruption in the Senate Guard had almost cost Palpatine his life. He had been compelled by his allies to create the Red Guard, under his personal command to avoid corruption. Because of the threat to his person, the Supreme Chancellor was rarely seen in public without

Watching Anakin

After Anakin Skywalker had been so instrumental in saving his homeworld of Naboo, a grateful Palpatine maintained contact with the boy as he grew. A fatherly figure, Palpatine was always on hand to offer guidance to a Jedi in whom he saw great potential. Ultimately, Anakin was personally appointed as Palpatine's representative on the Jedi High Council.

these elite guardians in close proximity. Though initially some criticised this 'personal guard', the Clone Wars seemed to justify their creation and occasionally brutish, invasive behaviour. Indeed, the Senate even allowed a measure by which small security cam-droids patrolled the corridors of the Senate buildings, so concerned were they by the Separatist infiltrator threat.

The Terrorist Threat

Strange disappearances and attacks on Senators pushed a terrified and angered Senate to vote Palpatine yet greater powers. After the assassination of former Chancellor Finis Valorum, Senator Ask Aak of Malastare championed the Enhanced Security & Enforcement Act that, amongst other measures, limited the need for warrants and observance of 'due process' during security related investigations. Additional powers were stripped from the Senate and handed to the ever-reluctant Chancellor, who accepted them only so the citizens of the Republic could be better protected.

Gaining Control

That protection was extended to recaptured Separatist worlds. Each saw the appointment by Palpatine of a governor answerable directly to him. This proved so successful that Palpatine appointed similar governors, complete with large clone security forces, to every planet in the Republic when he issued the Sector Governance Decree. Despite the fears of many – even former allies such as the Jedi themselves – Palpatine reassured all that his only goal was peace in the galaxy. His supporters in the Senate, suspicious of the distinctly undemocratic Jedi, voted in the Security Act. This placed the Chancellor in direct command of the military, and gave the Senate – through the office of the Chancellor – command of the powerful Jedi Order. After all, if anyone could be trusted to use these powers wisely it was Palpatine, the reluctant dictator.

CHANCELLOR VALORUM'S SHUTTLE

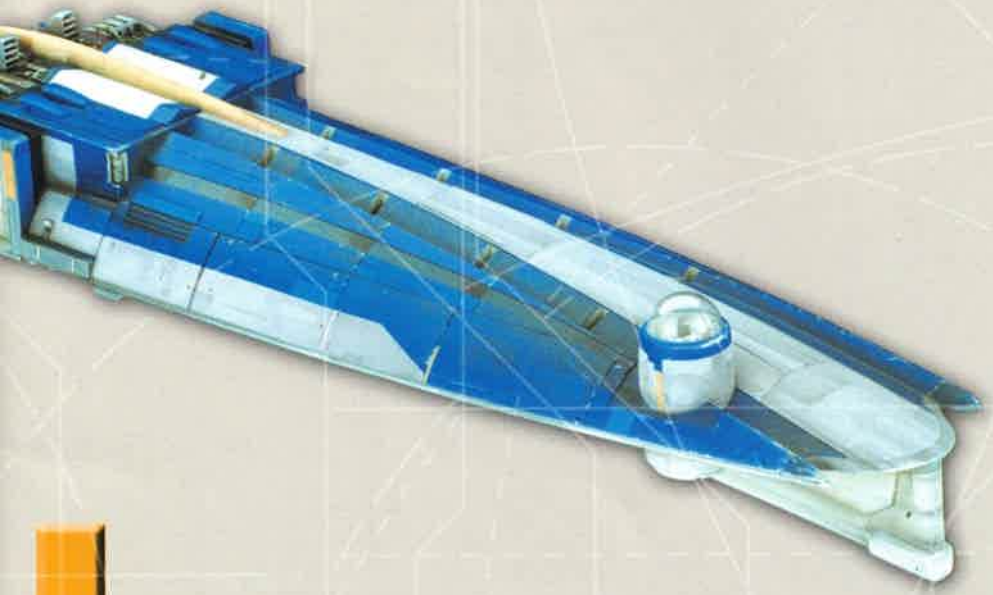
COMPROMISED CLASS

The elegant *Eddicus*-class planetary shuttle was commissioned by a Senate committee in the latter years of the Old Republic, during Supreme Chancellor Valorum's time in office. Its purpose was to convey Senate members around Coruscant in style, safety and privacy. However, the ship's sleek lines held sinister hints of future events.

In a flurry of politically correct patriotism, it was decided that the Senate planetary shuttles should be named after Supreme Chancellor Anwis Eddicus, under whose famed guidance the galaxy successfully weathered the Death Seed plague. The new shuttle was intended to complement the look and function of the slightly older *Consular*-class space cruisers. Those were built by the Corellian Engineering Corporation, and it seemed a done deal that CEC would get the contract for the new shuttles. However, nothing was ever simple in the Senate.

In Touch With The People

Senator Palpatine of the Chommell Sector raised a good point in the committee. If the CEC gained the contract, the cries of Senate favouritism would have been hard to shout down. As a result, the contract was given to Kuat Systems Engineering, with whom none of the committee could be shown to have financially beneficial ties. Politics satisfied, Kuat delivered the shuttle in record time. Simple and unostentatious, painted blue to reflect its Senate service, the craft was nonetheless elegant and practical. Its strong deflector shields and solid hull kept the passengers safe, while a sophisticated security system kept what was said and done on board the shuttles strictly private – except that everything that occurred on board was secretly recorded and beamed in encrypted data bursts to select technicians working for Kuat. All of this was done at the behest of Palpatine in collusion with his Kuat allies.



PROFILE
Aldicus-class shuttle

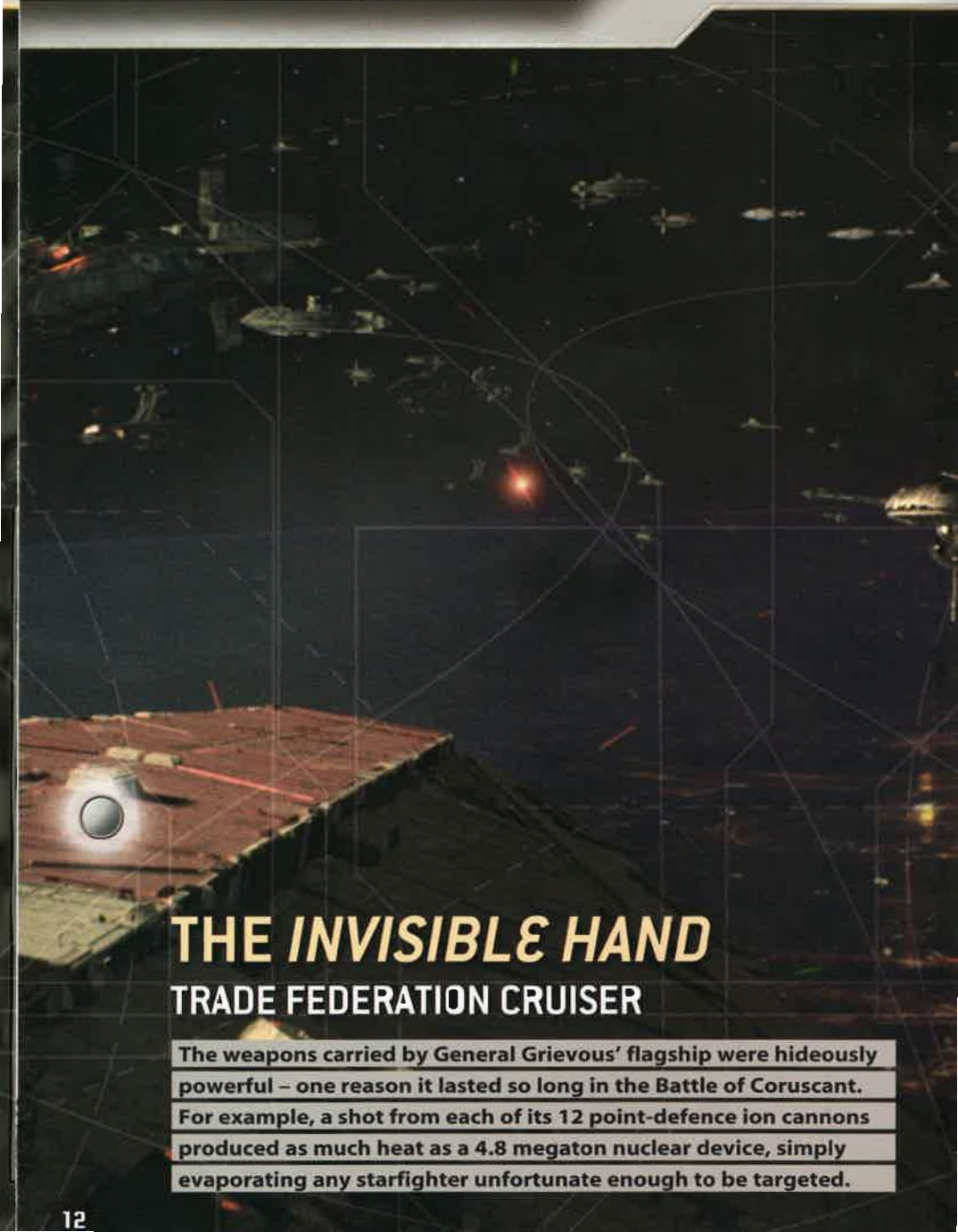
Type
Atmospheric Repulsorlift Shuttle

Manufacturer
Kuat Systems Engineering

Length
32m

Crew
1x pilot

Affiliation
Galactic Senate, Office of the Supreme Chancellor



THE *INVISIBLE HAND*

TRADE FEDERATION CRUISER

The weapons carried by General Grievous' flagship were hideously powerful – one reason it lasted so long in the Battle of Coruscant. For example, a shot from each of its 12 point-defence ion cannons produced as much heat as a 4.8 megaton nuclear device, simply evaporating any starfighter unfortunate enough to be targeted.

THE TRADE FEDERATION CRUISER *INVISIBLE HAND*

Type
Providence-class carrier/destroyer (modified)

Manufacturer
Free Dac Volunteers Engineering Corps at Pammant Docks

Size
1,088m long, 198m wide, 374m high

Maximum Acceleration
2,500 G (open space)

Maximum Speed
1,050kph (atmosphere)

Hyperdrive
Class 1.0 (Class 10 back-up)
Sublight engines: 4x Nubian Creveld-4 radial ion drives

Weapons
2x heavy ion cannon, 14x quad turbolaser cannon, 34 dual laser cannon, 12x point-defence cannon, 102x proton torpedo launcher turrets (16 torpedoes each), 12x flak hung, 8x tractor beam projectors
Starfighter compliment: 120x droid tri-fighters, 120x Vulture droids

Crew
350

Affiliation
Confederacy of Independent Systems

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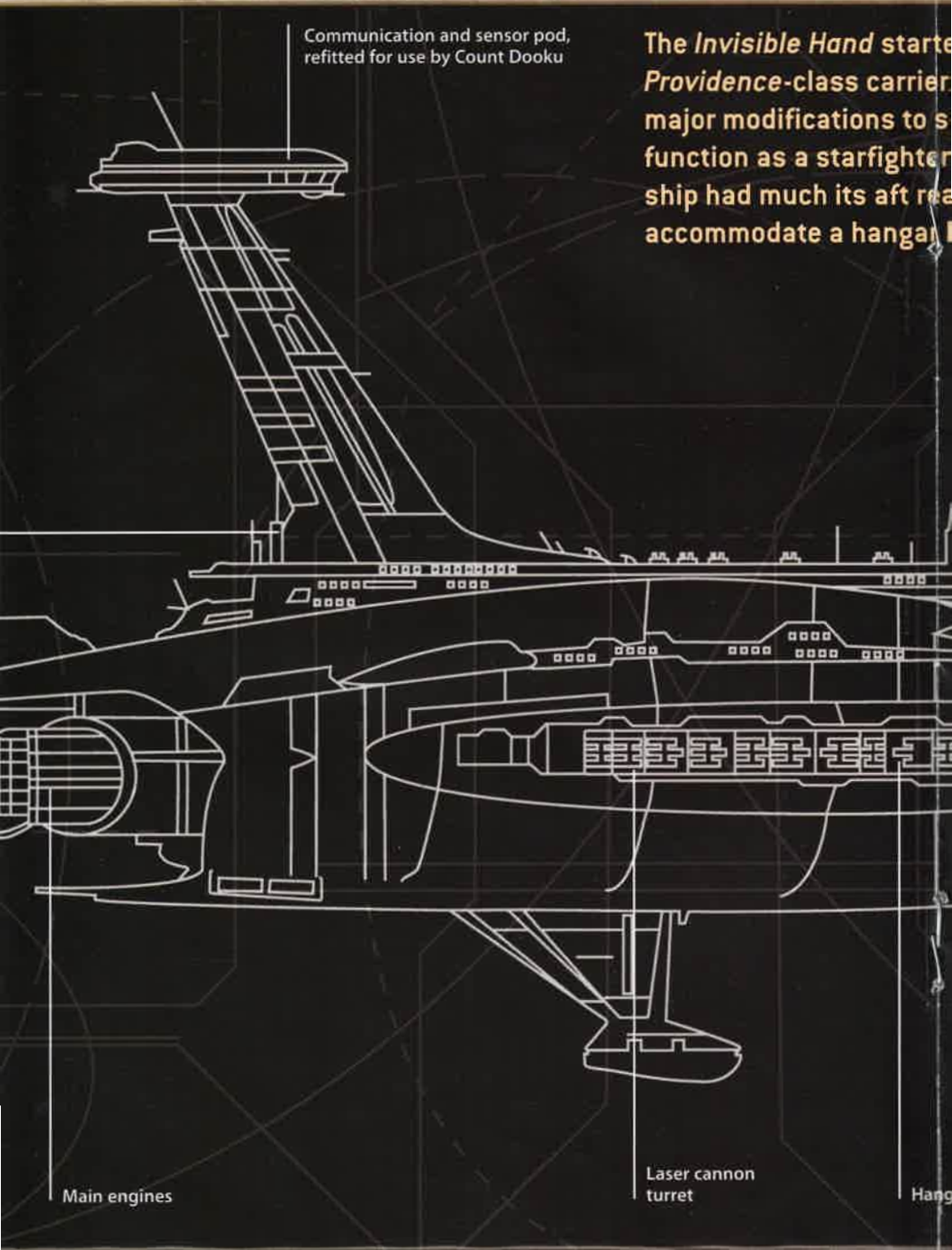

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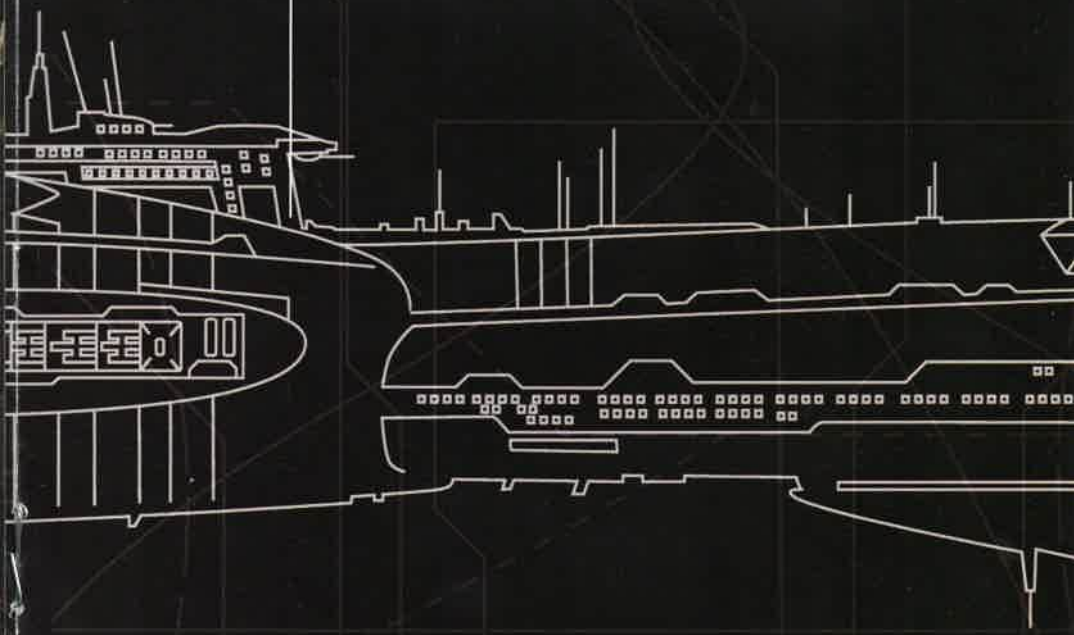

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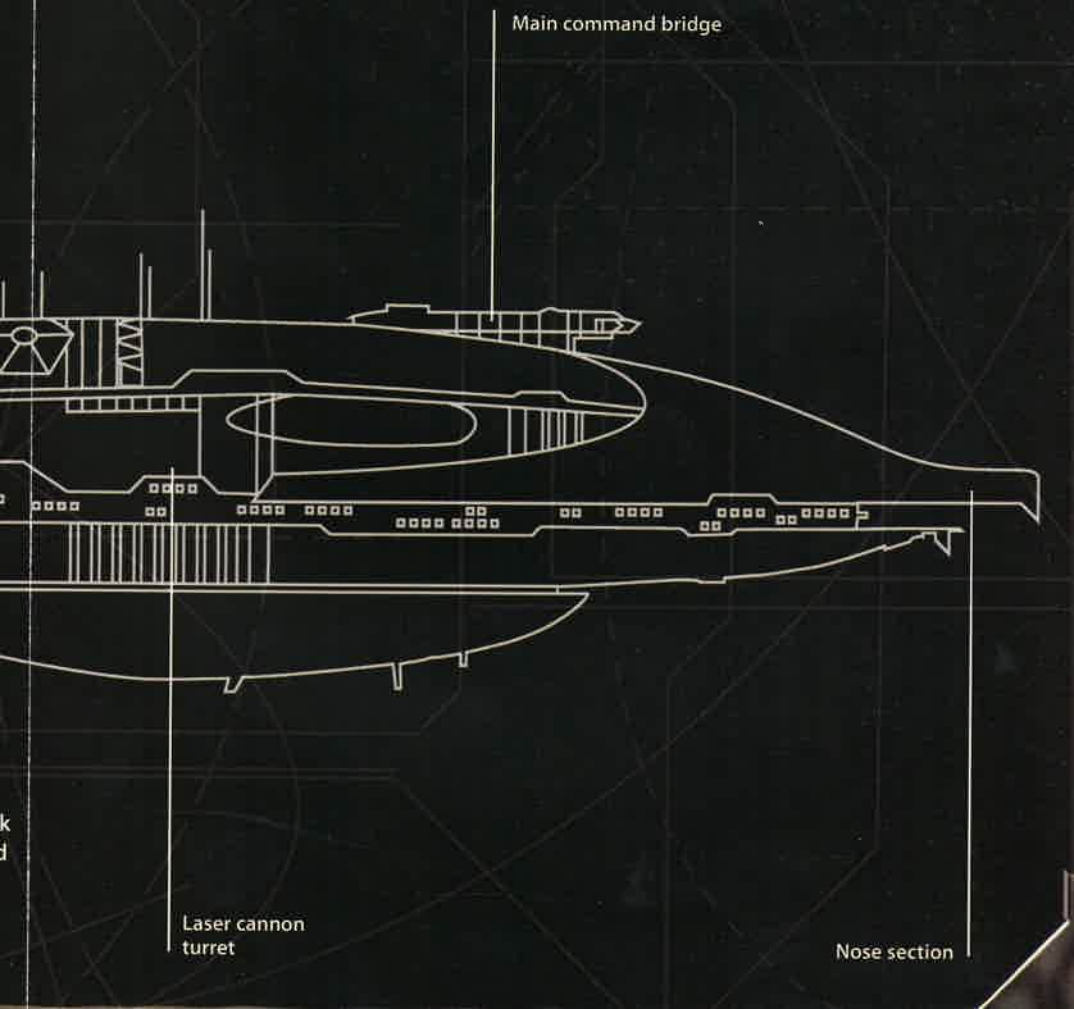
Holding an invisible hand

On his return to the *Invisible Hand*, having successfully kidnapped Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, General Grievous found that his flagship was unable to break away from Coruscant. Leaving the Chancellor with Count Dooku, Grievous ensured his ship was safe by forming a screen around himself of other CIS capital ships. Nonetheless, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker managed to fly through the melée and land in the main hangar on their way to rescuing Palpatine.


Main command bridge
Laser cannon turret
Nose section

MAS AMEDDA

A WILLING VICTIM?

During his subtle rise to absolute ruler of the galaxy, Darth Sidious made many allies. Not all who served him did so willingly. Some were unaware of the part they played in the Sith schemes, while others embraced their role. Mas Amedda fell somewhere between the two.

The Chagrian politician Mas Amedda began as an honest, hard-working representative of the people of the Inner Rim world of Champala. Unfortunately, the naïve Amedda fell in with the corrupt, self-serving Orn Free Taa – Twi'lek representative for Ryloth. Taa led the so-called Rim faction – a group of Senators who primarily represented sectors on the edge of the Republic, but included representatives of powerful groups such as the Trade Federation. Naturally, the faction opposed greater Senate control of their territories and business interests. When Supreme Chancellor Valorum sought to tax trade routes and otherwise 'interfere', the Rim faction opposed him. Orn Free Taa himself proposed Mas Amedda for the vacant position of Vice Chairman of the Galactic Senate, a position Amedda won. His task was to turn the screw on Chancellor Valorum whenever his actions opposed the aims of the Rim faction. In this, Mas Amedda excelled, and his power grew.

Palpatine's Puppet

When Senator Palpatine of Naboo replaced Valorum as Chancellor, Amedda and many others felt the new man in charge would be easy to manipulate. They were catastrophically wrong. Amedda himself was unaware that his position in the Senate was a result of Palpatine's machinations. During his early time in office, Chancellor Palpatine regularly sought Amedda's advice, even enacting legislation given to Amedda by the Rim faction, who in turn had been guided by Darth Sidious. Eventually, Palpatine revealed his true identity to a horrified Amedda, but by then the Chagrian was trapped by his own corruption and his desire for power. Mas Amedda served as an aide to the Emperor, trapped unto death as Palpatine's puppet.

Behind the Scenes...

Jerome Blake played Mas Amedda in Episode I, while David Bowers played him in Episode II. For Episode III, Bowers played Amedda during filming in Sydney, while Blake did the pick-ups at Shepperton in England.

PROFILE

Homeworld
Champala

Species
Chagrian

Gender
Male

Height
1.96m

Affiliation
Galactic Republic, Galactic Empire

THE SEAT OF POWER

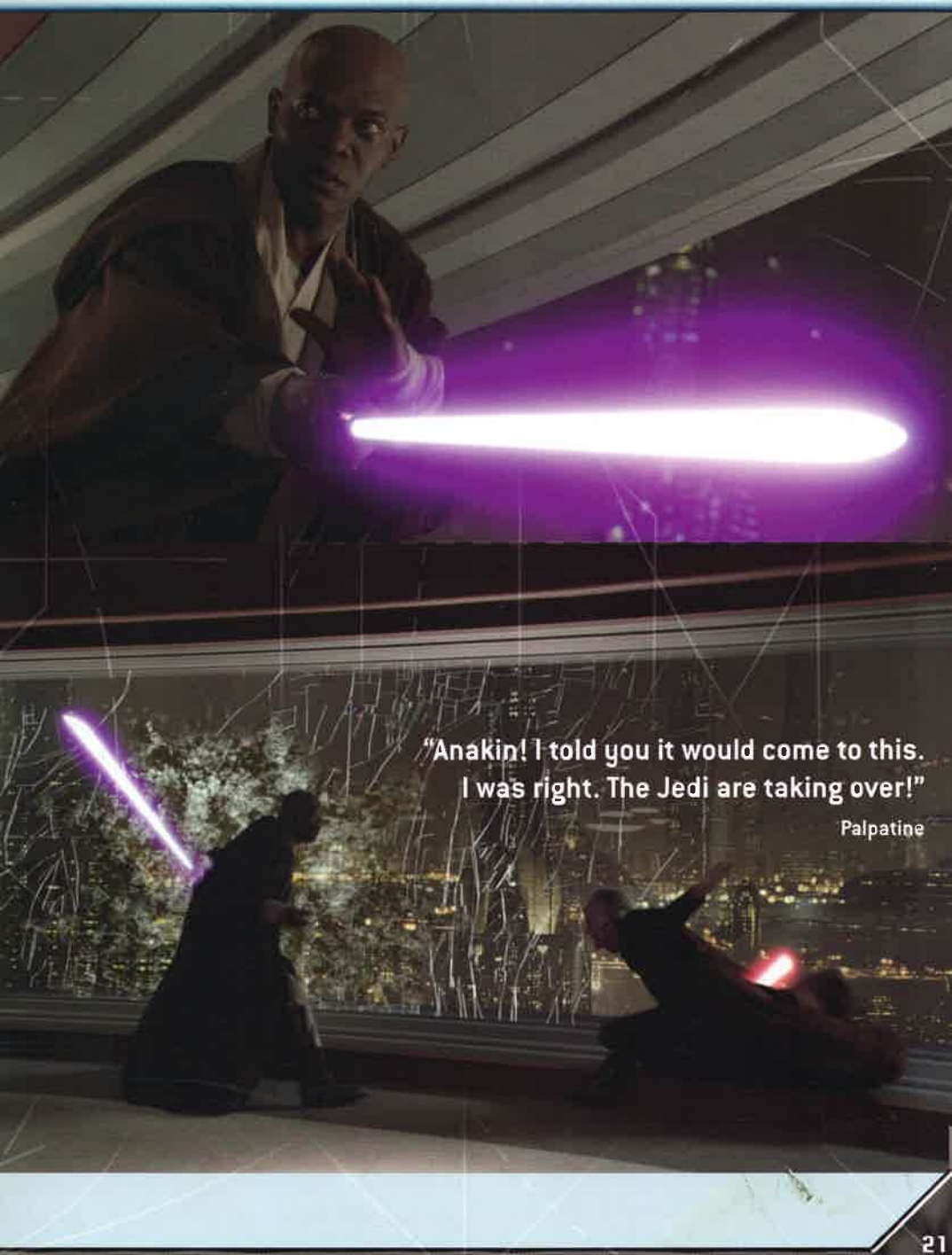
SUPREME CHANCELLOR PALPATINE'S PRIVATE OFFICES

In the Republic Executive Building, high above the streets of Coruscant, was a suite of offices used by Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. The whole building was constructed during Palpatine's time as Chancellor, and played witness to many historically important events.

During the Clone Wars, while the Supreme Chancellor had extensive apartments at the exclusive 500 Republica tower, he was most often found in his offices at Republic Executive Building, when not at the Senate building itself, of course. The Republic Executive Building held many secrets – some official, others less so. In his suite, Palpatine had met both allies and enemies, and had moved events along according to his evil plans with no-one ever the wiser, despite the evidence before them. The Chancellor's seemingly innocent taste for antiques in fact openly demonstrated his Sith allegiances. The fearful Jedi had hidden knowledge of the Sith from themselves. Thus, only Palpatine knew that the ancient, innocent-looking incense burner in one public corridor came from Yavin 4, and had been used in Sith initiation ceremonies. Close by, at the entrance to his private office, a statue of the philosopher Sistros held one of Darth Sidious' lightsabers inside its shielded body. Using the Force, the Sith Lord could activate the blade and free the weapon whenever the time was right. This would happen only when Sidious' plans had nearly reached completion.

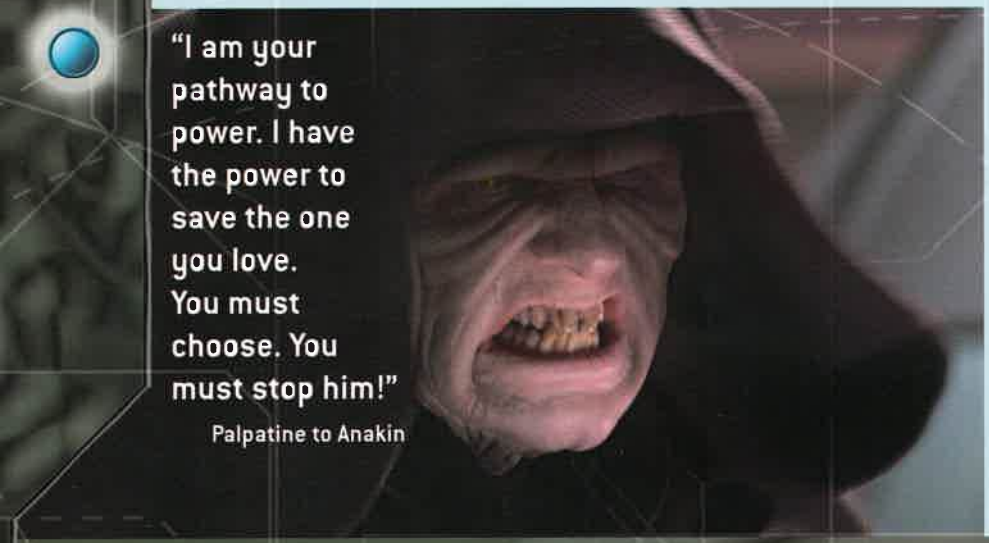
Anakin Learns The Truth

Palpatine's plans hinged on his chosen apprentice; troubled Jedi Anakin Skywalker. The Sith Master had been manipulating Anakin's destiny for years. The Clone Wars had reached a point where the Jedi, the Republic and the Separatists were exhausted by the fighting. Anakin's fears of losing his wife, Padmé Amidala, had been played upon to the point at which Anakin would do anything to save her. When his friend and mentor Palpatine revealed himself as Darth Sidious, promising to save Padmé, Anakin acted exactly as



"Anakin! I told you it would come to this. I was right. The Jedi are taking over!"

Palpatine



"I am your pathway to power. I have the power to save the one you love. You must choose. You must stop him!"

Palpatine to Anakin

The Jedi Fall

To Anakin, now Darth Vader, his new Master had been disfigured in his battle with Mace Windu. In fact, Darth Sidious had dropped the mask of Palpatine at a key moment, revealing his true visage – as twisted and evil as his intentions. With Darth Vader now his servant, Darth Sidious sent his new apprentice to kill all the Jedi at the Temple. Next, he issued Order 66, turning Republic clone troops into Imperial stormtroopers and sealing the fate of the Jedi and the galaxy.

Palpatine had foreseen. When the conflicted young man left to return to the Jedi Temple, Palpatine retrieved his lightsaber and sat down in his darkened private office to wait for the Jedi Council to make their next pathetically predictable move.

The Sith Revealed

Anakin went directly to Mace Windu. He told the Jedi Master that Palpatine was Darth Sidious, the Sith Lord that they had all been searching for, and the architect of the Clone Wars. As Palpatine had predicted, Windu demanded that Anakin leave the matter to him. Gathering three other Jedi Masters, Windu went to arrest Palpatine. Anakin, afraid to lose his chance to save Padmé, followed shortly after. Everything was playing out as Palpatine knew it would. The four Jedi burst into Palpatine's private office. Framed by the Coruscant cityscape, their target seemed unconcerned. Abruptly, in an explosion of dark side-fuelled hatred, the 'meek' Chancellor leapt into snarling action. His crimson lightsaber struck down three combat-ready Jedi Masters in an instant. The fourth Jedi, Mace Windu, was driven back to the Chancellor's ceremonial office. There, he seemed to gain the upper hand. Palpatine attempted to use Force Lightning to strike down Master Windu, but it backfired. When Anakin rushed in to the office, it was to see his former friend seemingly horribly injured and at the mercy of a Jedi Master determined to execute him.

The Sith Triumphant

Anakin saw what Palpatine had wanted him to see. He heard what the Sith Lord wanted him to hear. And he acted as Darth Sidious wanted him to. Anakin struck off Mace Windu's hand. The disarmed Jedi was blasted out of the shattered office window, falling to his death. Moments later, in the offices that had seen so much history being made, Anakin Skywalker knelt before his new master and became Darth Vader.

TRANSFORMING PALPATINE

TRAVELLING BACK TO THE FUTURE

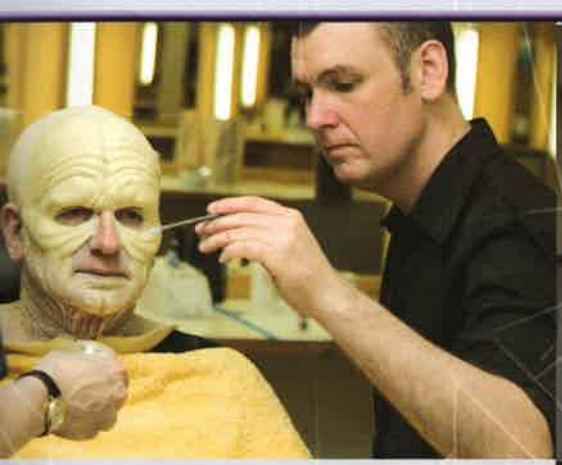
Star Wars Episode III: _Revenge of the Sith_ was packed full of major character reveals for which fans had waited for decades. Responsibility for fulfilling fan expectations in many cases was Creature Shop Creative Supervisor Dave Elsey.

A great deal of Dave Elsey's job was to ensure that many of the characters of Episode III tied in with their appearance from the Classic Trilogy. This was a task that Elsey described often as being akin to archaeology. "We've basically been retracing the steps of other makeup artists. We've had to get every scar in the right place and kind of make sense of everything." This was not always a straightforward process, particularly with the Emperor. The starting point was always the Original Trilogy films, but here Elsey ran into a challenge: "I love the Emperor. Re-creating that makeup was both a challenge and an honour. I discovered when I rewatched the movie that you could hardly see it. My imagination then took over with all the strange things I thought might be under the hood. Of course, when we talked to George, he knew exactly what was under the hood and was able to rein us in."

Recreating Vader

Palpatine was not the only character to undergo a horrible disfigurement in Episode III. Anakin Skywalker, now become Darth Vader, has his friendship with Obi-Wan come to a fiery end amongst the lava flows of Mustafar. It was vital that Dave Elsey and his team ensured that Anakin's injuries at the end of the Jedi duel matched Vader's appearance as shown in Episodes V and VI.

"I'm a big fan of all the original trilogy makeup, but the appearance of Anakin's face at the end was very



Not for children?

Between the 'melting' of Palpatine under a barrage of reflected Force Lightning and the burning of Anakin, Episode III earns its PG13 rating – something Dave Elsey is very proud of. "When I went back to George I asked, 'Look, how much can we get away with here? How nasty can we make it?' And he basically just said, 'Do what you have to'."

confusing because it didn't really look like he had been burned," Elsey pointed out. "He had a kind of big gash down one side of his face and he had some kind of gash on the top of his head; but no real burns as far as I could see. We figured that all the real damage was under the chin. Basically, we figured he's had loads of surgery and skin grafts and everything that you can possibly do to make him look as good as he does… which is not that good at the end of *Return of the Jedi*. That way, we were able to go a lot rawer in Episode III."

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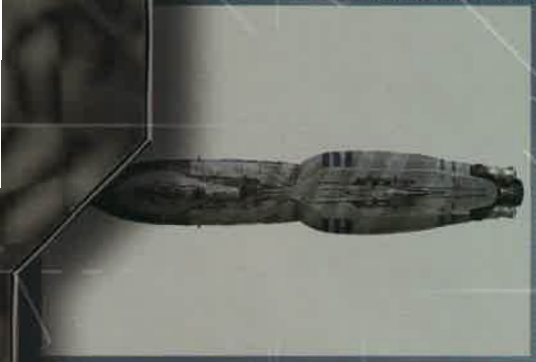
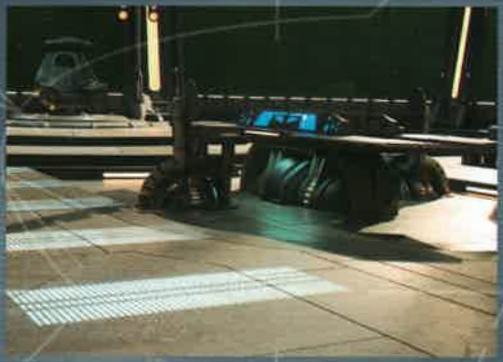
CREATING GRIEVOUS' FLAGSHIP

BUILDING THE *INVISIBLE HAND*





1 The exterior of the *Invisible Hand* was entirely digital, though a physical model was built by John Goodson. Early concepts of a crystalline ship from Mygeeto were dropped for a 'traditional' spaceship.

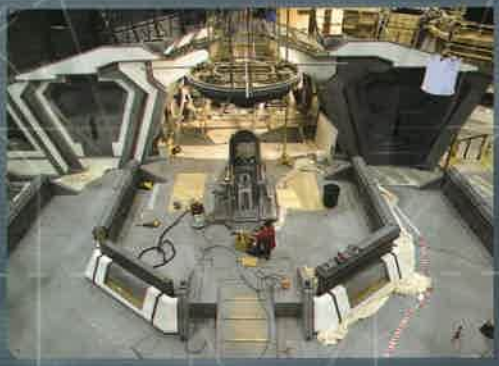
2 Many of the sets, including the one shown above from where Palpatine was being kept prisoner aboard ship, deliberately echoed elements of the Original Trilogy – in this case, the Emperor's throne room.

5 Even though some sets would never be seen, an enormous amount of design detail and effort went in regardless. Above: bridge console.

6 The build time for the *Invisible Hand* sets was around six weeks. Above: the lift shaft set – designed to revolve to mimic the ship pitching.

"The general thing we were trying to do is connect Episode III's design with the original trilogy. Somebody said, 'These sets look like *Star Wars* sets.' And that's because we have arrived at a language in the third film where there is a seamless fit into that world." Production Designer Gavin Bocquet Sept. 3rd 2003

3 A number of full sized sets were built at the Fox Studios in Australia – more, in fact, than were used in the final film. Above: One of the massive sets under construction.



4 To give as many options as possible when editing the final version of the film, a number of sequences were filmed and some never made it to the screen. Above: The bridge of *Invisible Hand* being built.

7 One lost sequence included the Jedi cutting through the floor to escape General Grievous, landing in a generator room filled with liquid fuel.

8 The flooded-room sequence was filmed in a huge water tank, but was never completed. Above: The Jedi rescue of Palpatine falters.

1 What does this photo show?

2 In how many of the ***Star Wars*** films does Ian McDiarmid play Palpatine?

3 What is the ***Lucid Voice***?

ANSWERS:

1. It's a picture of the interior of the flooded generator room fuel tank, part of a sequence cut from *Revenge of the Sith*.

2. Thanks to his addition to the Special Edition of Episode V, Ian McDiarmid now appears as Palpatine in five of the six *Star Wars* films.

3. Fellow *Providence*-class ships the *Lucid Voice* and the *Colicoid Swarm* were used as decoy versions of the *Invisible Hand*.

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Poggle the Lesser

Character
Episodes II & III

A member of a lower Geonosian caste, Poggle overthrew Archduke Hadiss the Vaulted in a coup backed by Darth Sidious. As ruler of the Stalgasin Hive, Poggle turned over the foundries to produce battle droids for the Confederacy of Independent Systems, which was founded at a meeting in Poggle's hive. He was a trusted member of the Separatist Council, knowing many secrets that others on the Council did not but was still killed by Darth Vader on Mustafar at the end of the Clone Wars.

Polis Massa

Location
Episode III

Once a planet in the Subterrel sector of the Outer Rim Territories, Polis Massa was reduced to an asteroid field by some terrible disaster. The Kallidahin people moved to the asteroids to search for remains of a civilisation they believed to be their ancestors, staying so long that they became known as Polis Massans. At a medical facility at Polis Massa Base, Padmé Amidala gave birth to Luke and Leia Skywalker shortly before she died. The Rebel Alliance had a secret base at Polis Massa two years before the Battle of Yavin. The Death Star plans were beamed to Princess Leia's starship from there before the base was utterly destroyed by the Empire.

Porkins, Jek

Character
Episode IV

A trader from Bestine IV, Jek Porkins had to follow the rest of the planet's population into exile when the Empire took over the planet for a new military complex. A skilled pilot, he joined the Rebel Alliance, quickly making a name for himself with the Tierfon Yellow Aces as an excellent low-level attack specialist. Porkins was transferred to Yavin IV. He replaced his good friend Wes Janson as Red Six, part of Red Squadron, for the assault on the Death Star. Janson, who was stricken with Hesken Fever, never fully forgave himself for the fact that Porkins died during the assault. His X-wing was hit by debris and suffered a number of resulting technical difficulties. Moments later, Red Six was destroyed by turbolaser fire.

Power droid

Droid
Episodes I, IV, V, VI

These were a type of droid that served as mobile power units – big batteries on legs. There were numerous types, as most major droid manufacturers produced a power droid variant. The EG-6 power droid from Veril Line Systems were one of the most successful – so much so that Industrial Automaton produced a cheaper, almost identical model called the GNK power droid. Two of these droids went rogue some five years after the Battle of Endor and founded the Cult of the Power Droids, a religious fringe group who believed in a time-travelling messianic GNK who was behind many of galactic history's great events.

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